

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the claims are amended to no longer recite any reference numerals or multiple dependencies. Claim 4 is also amended to delete the parenthetical elements. Subject matter of those canceled parenthetical elements in claim 4 is also now presented in new dependent claim 13.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this or any other matter, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

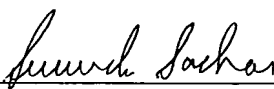
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